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REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION** (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/403,056				
Filing Date	13 October 1999				
First Named Inventor	Embrechts, et al.				
Group Art Unit	1615				
Examiner Name	Kishore, G.				
Attorney Docket Number	JAB-1267				

This is a	Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filled prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may							
	wish to consider filling a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patient term adjustment provisions of the AiPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65							
Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.								
1. Subn	nission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114							
a.	a. Previously submitted							
İ	i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on							
	(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).							
	ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on							
	iii. C Other							
b.	□ Enclosed							
	i. 🔀 Amendment/Reply							
	ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)							
	iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)							
	iv. 🔯 Other – This RCE is filed concurrently with an Amendment in lieu of filing an Appeal Brief							
	in response to the Notice of Appeal filed 25 November 2002.							
2. Misc	ellaneous							
a.	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of							
months.								
<u>b.</u>	☐ Other							
3. Fees	- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed							
a.	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments,							
	to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.							
	i. X RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)							
	ii. Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)							
	iii. Other							
b.	Check in the amount of \$ enclosed							
C.	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)							

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED									
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